TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.



Cost overruns limit snow removal

LEA SMALDON

For the Revie

Snow removal will continue to be limited within town limits since council put the brakes on community-wide clearing last week due to cost overruns.

"The biggest thing of course is the expectation of service. You hate to reduce (service) but we felt we needed to look at options," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

Snow clearing by the town is being limited to the priority one route which includes 23 St., 16th St., 18th St., 20th St. 19th St., 7 Ave., and Hwy 582.

By last Tuesday, the town's chief financial officer estimat-

ed that clearing and removing snow was approximately \$70,000 over the budgeted amount of \$130,000 for 2009.

And with less than 10 days left before a new budgeting year begins starting Jan. 1, town councillors were faced last Tuesday with either going deeper in debt or curtailing the spending.

Town officials say they are already hard-pressed to find the extra dough.

"We'll be depleting from elsewhere whatever the case," said Wittal.

Council chose, not unanimously, to curtail spending by suspending the current policy and only clearing and removing snow from the priority one route until the end of the year.

And even then, says Wittal, council will still face some

tough decisions.

While council's motion was to limit snow clearing and removal until the end of December, there will still be several weeks in January before council is set to meet again. Wittal said when to clear and what routes to clear until

then will be at the discretion of himself, the CAO, and the public works department after consultation.

Heavy snowfall, estimated by Wittal to be a one in 10 or one in 15 year event, has pushed the public works department into overtime trying to keep up.

By December 11, the town had expended approximately

\$40,000 in external contractor services to assist municipal staff in the removal of the snow.

Chief Financial Officer According to Reichenbacher, with the costs of trucking and one additional loader, the town is incurring \$600 per hour in contract costs.

Snow removal contract services were over budget even before the December snowfall, he says, because of snow removal from the start of the year.

There has been so much snow this winter - with at least one event dumping over 15 centimetres - that a fourth snow storage area had to be created. In past years, the town has been able to accomodate all the

snow they have cleared from streets in two storage areas. Wittal says it's possible that another storage site may have to be opened.

"We've run out of space on the streets to put it up on the side so there has to be another place where we can put it," said Wittal.



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Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

2010 BUDGET MEETING (for the Town of Didsbury): Monday, January 25, 2010 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in Council Chambers

PUBLIC HEARING:

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every me from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: January 8, 2010)

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The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or his designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the said

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DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION of this notice: December 29, 2009 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION of this notice: January 5, 2010

> Alana Gibson Development Officer

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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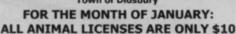
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The Town of Didsbury Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all a safe and happy Christmas Season.



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Leisure			Public Skate 12-4		Closed	Closed	Public 12-4
	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
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Natural trees will be received at NO COST, until January 17th, 2010





Development rises as economy rebounds

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The value of building permits in Didsbury jumped by 15 per cent this year as the province moves towards economic recovery.

"A lot of projects planned during the boom were put on hold for the first three quarters of the year...now (developers) have their financing and are looking to break ground," said Brittany Hutton, manager of infra-

structure and planning for the Town of Didsbury.

There have been 113 permits approved up until
December 11, with a worth of \$11.9 million. In 2008, there were 129 permits tallying \$10.3 million. Gord Kerr, co-owner of Dreamwood Homes Ltd, isn't

surprised builders are taking out more permits than the year previous. He believes with the economy on the rebound, consumers are more confident about investing in new homes.

I think people were waiting to see if homes got any cheaper but realize this is it...so now they are looking to build," he said.

The rise in permits could also be a result of builders having sold their speculation homes. They are looking to replace their inventory in 2010, Kerr said. Whatever the reason, residential homes are leading

developing activity in Didsbury. Fifty-five permits were granted this year.

Industry is coming up behind with 14 permits - the highest number granted since the year 2000.

"We hope we will get more industry to balance out our tax base when we launch our marketing campaign in the first financial quarter of 2010," Hutton said. Last April the town annexed land in hopes of drawing

industry to the community. Developers have trickled in, but the real push could happen in the new year when the town generates more awareness about what's

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CHRISTMAS HELPERS - Cassandra Rasmuss en and Marsha Aarsby unload a shopping cart for fellow volunteers Donna Reimer and Debbie Hooper who are putting together one of the many hampers going out for the Christmas season through Didsbury's Christmas Helpers. Volunteers met at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to prepare hampers and wrap presents.

Chinook Winds celebrates 25 years

PASTOR RICHARD KOPE

In September of 2009 Chinook Winds Christian Centre marked 25 years of ministry in Didsbury. The congregation and friends celebrated this milestone on July 4, 2009 with a beef barbecue, activities for the children, and time of commemoration of historical moments and people involved in the journey of the church to this point in time. CWCC is an active Canadian affiliate with Ministers

Fellowship International based in Portland, Oregon.

Founding and Senior Pastors Richard and Beth Kope arrived from Pasadena, California in 1984 to establish the work in Didsbury, and after moving through some five different locations, led their congregation to build the cur-rent facility in 1998-99. CWCC also operated a Christian bookstore, The Mustard Seed, for 10 years in the town's business sector.

Over the years the church's ministry has included week ly service in prisons in the area, Bible teaching in First Nations communities near Calgary, various summer programs for children, and leading study and home cell groups from west of Sundre to the east in the Linden area. One of CWCC's primary ministries beyond the weekly services provided in Didsbury has been a long-time com-

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mitment to work in missions to needy people in foreign lands.

In the past 21 years CWCC has organized 22 missions to Africa (17 in Kenya, seven in Uganda, six in Ethiopia), 13 missions to Haiti, three trips into Eastern Europe (Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Estonia, Siberia), two missions to Sicily, and two missions into Quebec. Other missions included Israel, Albania, Italy, Morocco, Cambodia, Netherlands, Venezuela, Hawaii, and Mexico. Some 200 individual trips have been organized, some in groups as large as 14 or as small as one person. The scope of work done ranges from evangelistic crusades to Pastoral and Leadership Conferences, from feeding and clothing needy people to building and renovating facilities, and from training children's workers to assisting with medical and financial aid for the sick.

November 29, 2009 was a special day in CWCC as Corey and Erin Kope were ordained to serve as pastors in the ministry, functioning as Associates in partnership with Senior Pastors Richard and Beth Kope. This father-son team will continue serving the church together through the transitional years ahead as they prepare for the eventuality of the next generation assuming the primary lead-ership of the ministry. The progression of change will begin to release added time and energy for the more experienced leaders of CWCC to continue the numerous endeavours ongoing in far-off places around the world.



In brief

Regional business licences

Didsbury busine ses and the economy of the town could benefit from a regional licensing concept, recently approved of by the town's council.

During last Tuesday's council meeting, councillors gave their unanimous support to a reciprocal business licence agreement being developed with the partici-pants of the Municipal Area Partnership.

Under the agreement, which is still in the municipal buy-in phase, businesses would be required to take out a permit in their home municipality and those business licences from MAP municipalities would be recognized and honoured by all members

"I think this is a great thing to try and encourage business from the county," said councillor Bob

Davidson before voting in favour the support for the new program.

Currently, business must be accepted and pay for a permit in each municipality that they wish to do business in out-side of their home municipality.

While the cost of a MAP-wide business licence - which would

BRIAN WITTAL include Didsbury, Carstairs, BRIAN WITTAL Cremona, Olds, Sundre, and Mountain View County if they all agreed to employ the program - has not been made public, Didsbury officials say town revenue will drop if the current system is enacted in favour of the proposed one

Under the current system, any business not located in Didsbury - most notably peddlers - must pay to be approved through a business licence to operate with-

"It's a way to encourage business. We would lose ome revenue but not much," said Town of Didsbury

CAO Roy Brown during the discussion.

Mayor Brian Wittal said the intent is to encourage business, through incentive, to strengthen Didsbury's

"The economic perspective is opening the region to all businesses in our region. Whether it's the peddler artists or a store in Carstairs with goods to sell, maybe there's more opportunity to let that happen here," said Wittal. "Hopefully it will incent more of that."

RBC donates \$254,500

The Royal Bank of Canada recently donated funds to help the Didsbury Municpal Library continue to function

In 2009 RBC, through its charitable foundation, donated \$254,500 to 21 charities across the region. Donations ranging from \$500 to \$102,500 were given to charitable organizations to support community pro-

To help organizations with initiatives and programs that make a difference in the community, RBC focuses its support in five focus areas: education, health social services, arts and culture and environmental

We are extremely honoured to be able to support the incredible work that charities throughout Central Alberta are doing to enhance the quality of life in the egion," said Doug McLean, regional vice-president for RBC's Alberta Central market.

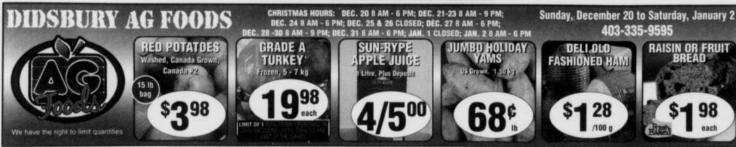
Included in the donations are:

- Didsbury Municipal Library \$5,000 Mountainview Seniors' Housing \$500
- Bear Valley Rescue \$500 Olds College Foundation \$100,000

Winners light up

Judges that toured Didsbury last week have picked the top Christmas light displays for the 12th annual Christmas Light Decorating Contest.

The winner for the best small yard is 1325, 24th Street, while the winner of the large yard category is 14 Greensborough Bay. There was no winner for the county category since the judges received no phone calls to view a display.





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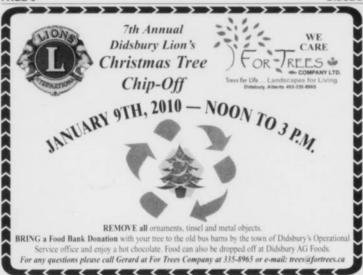
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CLARKE, RICHARD ALLAN

Richard Allan Clarke (Richie) born Sept. 24, 1971 at Olds Hospital. Richie passed away sud-denly in Didsbury on Dec. 17, 2009 at the age of

Richie worked various jobs: pipeline, seismic, roofing, house renovations, oilfield maintenance and for Portacrush out of Redwater, AB and he helped to build the first greenhouse for E&M Woodland Farms west of Bowden.

Due to health problems over the last couple of years, Richie was unable to work, but he kept himself busy working on his little mobile home, doing odd jobs for family and friends. He could

doing odd jobs for family and friends. He could do anything he put his mind to.

His latest hobbie was woodworking. He built small barns, cabins, water wheel buildings and mirrors with barn wood; he was quite fussy about little details. Richie enjoyed camping, gardening, canning, cooking; he loved to have a good time with his friends and he loved his cat Taz.

with his friends and he loved to have a good time with his friends and he loved his cat Taz. Richie leaves to mourn, his mother Cheryl Clark, Winfield, AB; his sister Deanna (Dwayne) Riley & Jorja, Winfield, AB; Aunt Carol and family; Aunt Linda (Mike) and family; Aunt Donna (Cam) and boys; Uncle Rob (Arlone) and family; Aunt Janice (Irwin) and family; Uncle Mike (Darlene) and family and many more relatives. Many friends, some he made working at Redwater and Al from Bowden who was a very good friend to him. He was predeceased by his father, Brian Clark, in 1995; Grandparents, George (1991) and Evelyn (2003) Clarke; Great-grandparents, Grandpa and Grandma Elliott in 1991 and 2005; Greatgrandma and Grandpa Clarke (1970 and 2004). A memorial is planned at a later date.

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Cheryl Clark

Winfield, AB

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THANK YOU

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My sincere thank you to EMS, Didsbury District Fire Department and Didsbury District Health Services, Emergency Department for your professional and compassionate care to both of us on November 21st.

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LUFT, Ronald

cheerful smile, a heart of gold. One of the very best the world could hold." With his family by his side, Ron Luft of Olds passed away peaceful-ly on December 23rd, 2009 at the age of 92 years. He is now safe in the arms of his Heavenly

the age of 92 years. He is now safe in the arms of his Heavenly Father and reunited with the love of his life, his wife Elsie who passed away April 23, 2009. Ron leaves to mourn his children Larry (Jan), Sharon (Gerald), and Barb (Terry); grand-children Laurel, Krista (Darcy), Cindy (John), Rick (Leah), Robby, and Jennifer (Rob); great-grandchildren Jameson, Mackenzie, Morgan, Madison, Adam, Brittanie, Braeden, and Hanna as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his sisters Lily and Florence and parents Peter and Anna Marie Luft. Ron will always be remembered for his friendship and kindness, along with his smile that would light up a room. At the age of 92 years, his remarkable memory recalled telephone numbers, dates and names and he was always eager to tell you a story of his youth or life on the farm in the Harmattan area. He often spoke fondly of the farming community and the farmers he served during the 23 years he worked as a grain buyer for Pioneer Grain in the town of Olds. He was a great story-teller and his repertoire seemed endless. Ron loved to sing and praise the Lord and his dedication to God was evident. His family was very teller and his repertoire seemed endless. Ron loved to sing and praise the Lord and his dedication to God was evident. His family was very important in his life and he will be sadly missed by all who loved him. To honour Ron's wishes, a private family gathering will be held. Memorial tributes may be made in Ron's honour to the S.P.C.A. or to the charity of choice.

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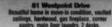
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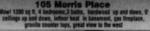
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